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Wheat Seedings in the Northwest Up 3 Percent from Last Year United States Planted Acres Down 5 Percent

Idaho growers seeded 750,000 acres of winter wheat for the 2015 crop, down 4 percent from 2014, and 4 percent below the 2013 crop. Oregon farmers planted 780,000 acres, up 4 percent from the 2014 crop but down 1 percent from 2013. Washington winter wheat growers seeded an estimated 1.80 million acres of winter wheat for harvest in 2015. This is up 6 percent from the area seeded in 2014 and 6 percent above 2013.

Nationally, planted area for harvest in 2015 is estimated at 40.5 million acres, down 5 percent from 2014 and 6 percent below 2013. Seeding began in August and by the end of September was well ahead the 5-year average pace. By the middle of November, seeding was mostly complete.

Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat seeded area is expected to be 29.5 million acres, down 3 percent from 2014. Acreage changes from last year are mixed across the growing region. Growers in Colorado, Kansas, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and Texas planted significantly less acreage this year while large acreage increases are estimated in Nebraska and South Dakota. Record low acreage was seeded in Utah. By November 23, Hard Red Winter wheat conditions were varied across States from last year with most acreage rated in fair to good condition.

Soft Red Winter (SRW) wheat seeded area is about 7.50 million acres, down 12 percent from last year. Acreage decreases from last year are expected in most SRW growing States with significant acreage decreases estimated in Illinois and Missouri.

White Winter wheat seeded area totals nearly 3.48 million acres, up 2 percent from 2014. Planted acreage in the Pacific Northwest (Oregon, and Washington) are up from last year. Planting got off to a normal start but by the middle of October progress was behind the 5-year average pace in Idaho and Washington. By November 9, seeding was virtually complete in the region.

Winter Wheat Area Seeded — States and United States: 2013-2015

State	Crop year			2015 as a percent of 2014
	2013	2014	2015	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Alabama	310	255	195	76
Arizona	12	8	9	113
Arkansas.....	680	465	390	84
California	620	460	450	98
Colorado.....	2,300	2,750	2,500	91
Delaware	85	80	75	94
Florida.....	25	15	20	133
Georgia.....	430	300	320	107
Idaho	780	780	750	96
Illinois.....	880	740	550	74
Indiana.....	460	390	360	92
Iowa	30	26	24	92
Kansas.....	9,500	9,600	9,400	98
Kentucky.....	700	630	640	102
Louisiana	265	160	130	81
Maryland.....	345	340	335	99
Michigan	620	570	500	88
Minnesota	27	42	48	114
Mississippi	400	230	150	65
Missouri	1,080	880	650	74
Montana.....	2,000	2,500	2,300	92
Nebraska	1,470	1,550	1,700	110
Nevada	23	15	14	93
New Jersey	34	33	30	91
New Mexico	440	380	350	92
New York	125	120	105	88
North Carolina.....	990	830	770	93
North Dakota.....	215	870	400	46
Ohio	660	620	540	87
Oklahoma	5,600	5,300	5,100	96
Oregon	790	750	780	104
Pennsylvania	185	185	190	103
South Carolina	280	230	195	85
South Dakota.....	1,300	1,210	1,480	122
Tennessee.....	640	530	500	94
Texas.....	6,300	6,000	5,900	98
Utah.....	120	120	120	100
Virginia.....	335	290	300	103
Washington	1,700	1,700	1,800	106
West Virginia.....	9	10	7	70
Wisconsin	315	295	230	78
Wyoming.....	150	140	145	104
United States	43,230	42,399	40,452	95

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